

# GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESBIN

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*St. Clare's Church*



*Holy Cross Church*

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage at Home:**

For Christians, pilgrimage is a chance to renew and strengthen your faith and sense of purpose. Life can be so hectic for many of us and pilgrimage gives us that time out away from the hustle and bustle of our daily routine to sit quietly and think about our lives, or to seek a solution to a problem or help with a major decision that we may have to make. Although we could not make the journey this year our Lourdes pilgrimage at home was made very special by not only the people who took part but particularly the many volunteers who worked so tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of all our Masses & services.

As we come to the end of this special journey, I wish to thank everyone involved - our sacristan Catherine Ryan, Suzanne McWey for organising the readings, prayers and sourcing the Lourdes articles for our pilgrimage, our singers, musicians, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, slide operators and altar servers. Thanks to our youth ministry team of Nicola, Gary, Sarah and all the young people for their great work and to Isobel Brooker, Mick Woods (for creating our Lourdes Grotto), Fr Liam, the Poor Clare Sisters, our visiting priests, the Governey Park Residents for the flowers for our altar and grotto and our office staff. A big thank you also, to all our stewards who worked so tirelessly looking after people and sanitising the church before and after all our Masses and services to ensure everyone's safety. Finally I wish to thank Cathriona Kelly for her amazing work and talent in organising all the ministries during our pilgrimage and for her beautiful slides and video clips which ensured we could truly experience Lourdes at home.

### **Graiguecullen Community Childcare:**

(On the grounds of Fiacc's Primary School) are now taking enrolments for **Junior Preschool, ECCE Preschool, Full Day Preschool, Afterschool and Breakfast Club** for September 2021. For more information, phone **059 9137105** or to make an appointment. Limited spaces available.

### **The Éist Cancer Support Centre:**

Continues to provide emotional support and practical help to anyone affected by cancer, their families and carers. For more details on the services available please contact us on **085 8661499** or email: [info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](mailto:info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie).

## **Irish Catholic Newspaper:**

Irish Catholic Newspaper on sale in St Clare's Church.

## **Communion to the Sick:**

Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound during the coming week.

## **COVID-19 Support Line for Older People::**

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

## **St. Vincent De Paul:**

Local Conference – St. Fiacc's. Tel: **086-1592775**.

## **A very big thank you to everyone who continues to support the parish during the Covid 19 lockdown:**

Contributions can be made directly from your bank by direct debits/standing orders. The parish account details are: Account Name: **Graiguecullen Church** | BIC: **BOFIE2D** IBAN: **IE12 BOFI 9065 3123 3222 21**. Please put your name and address in the reference box. This is a really easy way to contribute to your parish!

## **PRAYER INTERCESSORS:**

This group is available to pray regularly but individually for the life of the parish as well as specific intentions that arise from time to time. If you have a family member who is seriously ill or is undergoing a major operation or any other special request please ring the parish office (**9141833**) or alternatively email **gkparish@gmail.com** or text **087 6216207** & we will send out a group text to request prayers. In order to maintain confidentiality, we do not use names in the prayer texts.

## **Feast of the Transfiguration - 6th Aug.:**

The first and single most important factor in staying motivated is to have a vision. Having a vision gives us a reason to act. As Christ's disciples we might motivate ourselves with a vision of a world without poverty or war ... or simply to improve the life of one other person. The Feast of the Transfiguration invites us to stay motivated as disciples in the belief that we will one day enjoy the place God has prepared for each of us.

## **Carlow Family Support Group:**

You Are Not Alone- Drugs and Alcohol abuse affects families regardless of status in life. You did not cause it, you can't control it and you can't cure it. Help is available for those who live with this dreadful disease call **085 7872730**.

## **Male advice line:**

The National Male Advice Line offers confidential advice and support to Male victims of domestic violence and abuse over the phone. This Service is also available to family and friends who may have concerns for a loved one and are seeking some guidance on how to help them. Telephone **1800-816 588**

## **The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path:**

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre. A guided walk experience will be offered on Sunday 25th and Saturday 31st July, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. Further dates for these guided walks will follow for late August and early September. For bookings and further information email **info@loughderg.org** or telephone **0(0353) 71 9861518**. **www.loughderg.org**

### **Clothes Recycling Collection:**

Catherine Nolan and Vera Smith are now back accepting Clothes for their Clothes Recycling Collection in aid of their 2022 trip with Mellon Educate to South Africa to help build Schools in Capetown. (no duvets or pillows please) can be dropped at any time to Terry Smith Kitchens, Sleaty Road or collection can be arranged by contacting Vera at **086 8317940** or Catherine at **086 8709846**.

### **St. Clare's Hospitality:**

St. Clare's Hospitality are looking for non perishable food items. At present we are giving out 80 dinners daily as well as family food packs and we are also delivering 60 food parcels. We would like to thank you for your continued support, we are very grateful.

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### **Theology of the Arts. Does the Church need art?:**

The Priory Institute week-long online Summer School will run from 8-13th August and again from 22-27th August. The course includes six recorded presentations and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register on **prioryinstitute.com**

### **Carlow Active Retired:**

Carlow Active Retired mini holiday Ballymascanlon County Louth Sept 13th four nights five days €365. Phone **086256702** for further details.

### **Elaine Walsh, Classical Soprano:**

Diploma London College of Music. Available for Weddings and funerals. Can learn any song on request. Contact: **elainewalshsoprano@gmail.com** | **0852038148**.

### **Ballon Business & Training Service:**

The Book-keeping is starting on Monday the 6th September 7pm - 10pm x 10 weeks. The Payroll is starting on Thursday 9th September 7pm - 10pm x 10 weeks. We are not sure if they will be in house or online but when the time comes we will know more with the restrictions. The cost is 300 euro with a 100 euro deposit required to book and secure your place. The numbers are limited. Tel: **059-915-9447 ballonbts@gmail.com**

### **Pope Francis instituting the Ministry of Catechist:**

Bishops welcomed Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter Antiquum ministerium of 10 May formally instituting the ministry of catechist, a ministry present in the Church from its earliest times. In encouraging a formal institution of this ministry, Pope Francis is reminding the faithful that there is a variety of lay ministries in the Church, new ways lay men and women can formally offer their service for the benefit of many. Catechesis can be a privileged form of evangelization. It is clear that in Ireland there is a growing recognition of how much we need Catechists in pastoral areas and dioceses to assist in the handing on of the faith not least using the new means of communication available today. Bishops look forward to a growth in the numbers exercising this ministry across Ireland.

### **Carlow Rainbows Group:**

Offer a ten session Peer Support Programme for children aged 7 – 13 who have experienced loss through the death of a close relative or the separation of their parents. These Programmes are run separately, are free to participant and will commence in Askea Parish Centre when it becomes safe to do so. If you are interested please contact Anne on **087 6636 499** or Nora on **087 1269 709**. In addition we are now offering similar programmes for teenagers aged 13 to 16.

### **Summer Conference:**

At their Summer Conference Bishops thanked the public for its continued generosity to Trócaire which works in support of people affected by poverty, conflict and injustice worldwide. Bishops noted that Tró-

caire's support brought positive change to the lives of 2.7 million people in 25 countries over the course of the last challenging year. Bishops acknowledged that the Lenten campaign is essential to enabling Trócaire carry out this work and, in expressing their gratitude, noted that Covid-19, combined with the threats of climate change and conflict, have put many more millions of lives at risk of extreme poverty.

### **An Gairdin Beo:**

You are invited to **COME PICK YOUR OWN** project in An Gairdin Beo on every Wednesday from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. for July and August. The following vegetables are on sale: Beetroot, onions/scallions, lettuce, turnips, rhubarb, strawberries, spinach, cabbage, broad beans, cut herbs, potted herbs sage, thyme, basil, coriander, lemon balm, potted outdoor plants, potted indoor plants, homemade marmalade and chutneys. There is also a stall of high quality accessories available on site. New and barely worn scarves, wraps, jewellery, unwanted and unopened gifts, vintage leather and designer bags (jaeger, phoenix, ciccia, brakeburn and a vintage Furla) prices range from €35 downwards. In the interest of health and safety and sustainability you are asked to bring your own bag and tools. You are welcome to enjoy outdoor tea and coffee, containers supplied. Donation boxes will be at the cob oven area. All proceeds go back into the development and maintenance of An Gairdin Beo. If you have a surplus of produce in your garden you are welcome to donate it to garden on the Wednesday mornings. We regret that we cannot accommodate cars on the premises. We apologise too that no card facility is available. We look forward to meeting you again.

### **Weekly Collections 17/18th July:**

**Blue Bag** (Envelopes): €695 | **Red Bag**: €663

Direct Debits: €615 | Donations: €150.

### **Weekly Collections 24/25th July:**

**Blue Bag** (Envelopes): €760 | **Red Bag**: €755

Direct Debits: €195 | Donations: €250.

**We thank you for your support.**

### **Filling the Void:**

Money can't buy happiness, but neither can poverty. We need money to pay the bills and so we spend most of our lives striving to earn it. Then when we've got enough to pay the bills, it's nice to have a little extra for birthdays and Christmas and for holidays. Money doesn't buy happiness, but it can certainly buy security and comfort. The trouble is striving to earn money can become an end in itself. There comes a point where we are left uncertain as to whether we are working to live, or living to work. Money can easily become a trap where however much we have, there always seems a need for more. Enough it seems is never enough. The thirst for money is a thirst that cannot be quenched. We only have to look at the lives of the rich and famous, in some cases very tragic lives, to know that material pursuits don't bring happiness. However hard we strive, if material pursuits are our only goal, there will always be a void in our lives. Jesus tells us that only God can fill this void. "Do not work for food that perishes," he tells the Galileans, "but for the food that endures for eternal life." In today's gospel reading we hear how the crowd followed Jesus because they were impressed that he had fed five thousand with only five loaves and two fishes. They followed him because they wanted more. But Jesus knew that they had missed the point. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs," he says, "but because you ate the loaves and were filled." The true bread, he tells them, is the bread of God, which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Then Jesus takes the crowd one step further, he tells them that to share in the bread of eternal life they must believe in the one that God sent. This must have been hard for the Galileans to take in, but in retrospect easier for us. We look around at those who live by Jesus' teaching, and observe that these people seem content with their lives. ... happy even. In what ways are the rest of us working for the food that endures for eternal life?

### **Heritage Week:**

For Heritage Week which takes place this year from 14th to 22nd August, Carlow County Library Service presents "The Generation Game Project. Join Bernie Walsh, Genealogist with Carlow County Library Service for an Intergenerational, fun project. We're looking for children aged between 8 and 12, and an older family member (grandparent, aunt or uncle for example) to join together and participate in our Generation Game Project, If you are interested in taking part, email [library@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:library@carlowcoco.ie) for more details.

# ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 31st July - Sunday 8th August 2021

(Please note all Anniversaries can be emailed to [gkparish@gmail.com](mailto:gkparish@gmail.com))  
or call the Parish Centre 059 91 41866 | 059 91 82882

- Sat 31st 6.30pm **(Months Mind)** Noel Dillon, Pearse Rd & Canada  
**(First Anniversary)** Alice Byrne, Ballyharmon  
Jack Whelan, Crossneen and deceased members of the Whelan family  
(Michael White, Killeshin Rd)-(Tim & Bill Moore, St Fiacc's Tce)  
Carmel & Declan McDonnell, Dublin **(Birthday Rem)**  
Frances Baxter, Cavan  
Jim Moran, Whitney Place
- Sun 1st 9am **(Month's Mind)** Ruth Carthy, Crosneen  
10.15am Mick Dempsey, Lower Rossmore  
John Brennan, Quakers Hill, Killeshin & deceased family  
Frank O'Sullivan, Queensland, Australia  
11.30am **(Month's Mind)** John Kenny, Radharc Oisin  
**(Month's Mind)** Paul Shannon, St Fiacc's House  
**(First Anniversary)** Noel McAssey, 118 St Clare's Rd  
Berto Kelly, 158 Duggan Ave  
Tim & Bill Moore, St Fiacc's Tce  
Maria Fitzpatrick, Ballyhide **(10th Anniv & Birthday Rem)**
- Sat 7th 10am Peter & Mary Duggan, Knockbeg Road  
6.30pm Christy Sheehy, Crossneen  
Paddy Callinan, 7 '98 St also his mother Elizabeth & brother Johnny
- Sun 8th 10.15am Brigid Ryan & Mary Landy, Cappalug  
Michael (Mick) Hennessy & Bridie & Jim Hennessy, Killeshin  
Josephine Dempsey, Killeshin **(Birthday Rem.)**  
11.30am Intention Mass

## R.I.P.

Thomas (Tommy) Brennan, Ballyharmon House  
Mary (Mai) Keating, 95 St Mary's Park  
Pat Foody, Convent Hill Crescent, Ballina, Mayo  
Breda Harris (née Comerford), Kilberry, Athy  
Sinéad Ní Nualláin, 5 Barrowvale & 156 Duggan Ave  
Majella Brophy (née Tobin), Ballylinan, & Bagenalstown